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A001 Gambling Licensing, Background and Financial Investigations

The Washington State Gambling Commission is statutorily charged to enforce the provisions of the Gambling Act of 1973. The commission carries out this responsibility through a system of regulation and enforcement consisting of several interrelated activities. The commission requires that individuals and businesses apply for and obtain a license before conducting authorized gambling activities. The application and approval process includes an extensive investigation of fund sources and criminal records to prevent criminal interests from gaining a foothold in Washington gambling businesses to protect the public from being victimized.

The licensing process is required by statute to generate the funds necessary to cover all costs of licensing and enforcement.

	FY 2010	FY 2011	Biennial Total
FTE's	34.9	34.9	34.9
GFS	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$2,779,000	\$2,898,000	\$5,677,000
Total	\$2,779,000	\$2,898,000	\$5,677,000

Statewide Result Area: Improve the safety of people and property

Statewide Strategy: Enforce the law

Expected Results

Keeping the criminal element out of gambling.

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Number of individual criminal background investigations completed by the Washington State Gambling Commission.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2009-11	8th Qtr	5,000		
	7th Qtr	5,000		
	6th Qtr	5,000		
	5th Qtr	5,000		
	4th Qtr	5,000		
	3rd Qtr	5,000		
	2nd Qtr	5,000		
	1st Qtr	5,000	5,463	463
2007-09	8th Qtr	5,000	5,461	461
	7th Qtr	5,000	5,254	254
	6th Qtr	5,000	5,010	10
	5th Qtr	5,000	6,160	1,160
	4th Qtr	5,000	6,740	1,740
	3rd Qtr	4,500	6,052	1,552
	2nd Qtr	4,900	5,070	170
	1st Qtr	4,900	5,750	850
2005-07	8th Qtr	4,900	8,236	3,336
	7th Qtr	4,500	6,782	2,282
	6th Qtr	4,900	4,187	(713)
	5th Qtr	4,900	6,108	1,208
	4th Qtr	4,900	6,698	1,798
	3rd Qtr	4,500	5,927	1,427
	2nd Qtr	4,900	3,794	(1,106)
	1st Qtr	4,900	6,083	1,183

A002 General Enforcement and Criminal Intelligence Investigation

The Washington State Gambling Commission uses a combination of undercover and overt investigations to identify and seek prosecution of illegal gambling activities, cheating, theft, and racketeering.

The commission uses administrative rules and regulatory enforcement to ensure gambling is legal and honest, and requires that licensees maintain records that accurately document all gambling activity. Local jurisdictions rely on the commission's regulatory authority and these records to substantiate the millions in taxes collected annually. Absent the commission's activity in this area, this burden would fall entirely to local law enforcement.

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	FY 2010	FY 2011	Biennial Total
FTE's	70.4	70.4	70.4
GFS	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$6,611,000	\$6,894,000	\$13,505,000
Total	\$6,611,000	\$6,894,000	\$13,505,000

Statewide Result Area: Improve the safety of people and property**Statewide Strategy: Enforce the law****Expected Results**

Ensuring gambling activities are operated legally and honestly.

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Percentage of scheduled compliance inspections conducted at licensed premises by the Washington State Gambling Commission.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2009-11	8th Qtr	100%		
	7th Qtr	100%		
	6th Qtr	100%		
	5th Qtr	100%		
	4th Qtr	100%		
	3rd Qtr	100%		
	2nd Qtr	100%		
	1st Qtr	100%	97.25%	(2.75)%
2007-09	8th Qtr	100%	90%	(10)%
	7th Qtr	100%	115%	15%
	6th Qtr	100%	117%	17%
	5th Qtr	100%	100%	0%
	4th Qtr	100%	108%	8%
	3rd Qtr	100%	103%	3%
	2nd Qtr	100%	140%	40%
	1st Qtr	100%	110%	10%
2005-07	8th Qtr	100%	88%	(12)%
	7th Qtr	100%	104%	4%
	6th Qtr	100%	108%	8%
	5th Qtr	100%	100%	0%
	4th Qtr	100%	108%	8%
	3rd Qtr	100%	81%	(19)%
	2nd Qtr	100%	86%	(14)%
	1st Qtr	100%	86%	(14)%
<p><i>The inspection target is based on the number of licensed gambling establishments in specific license classes. The number of licensees fluctuates over time.</i></p> <p><i>The work conducted during compliance inspections ensures fairness of gambling activities; the criminal element is not involved in operations; a visible presence to the public and licensees; and assists operators with compliance issues.</i></p>				

A003 Tribal-State Compact Negotiation, Regulation Program, and Investigations

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Federal law requires the state to negotiate in good faith with Indian tribes to provide these sovereign nations the opportunity to engage in casino-type gambling activities that are allowed in some form in the state of Washington. The tribes are only allowed to engage in these activities through a compact with the state that is negotiated and regulated by the commission. The Washington State Gambling Commission provides training, tests gambling equipment, and completes inspections and investigations in cooperation with the tribes to assure gambling is conducted fairly and honestly.

	FY 2010	FY 2011	Biennial Total
FTE's	55.1	55.1	55.1
GFS	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$4,946,000	\$5,158,000	\$10,104,000
Total	\$4,946,000	\$5,158,000	\$10,104,000

Statewide Result Area: Improve the safety of people and property

Statewide Strategy: Enforce the law

Expected Results

Ensuring gambling activities are operated legally and honestly.

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Number of compliance visits conducted at tribal casinos by the Washington State Gambling Commission.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2009-11	8th Qtr	218		
	7th Qtr	218		
	6th Qtr	218		
	5th Qtr	218		
	4th Qtr	218		
	3rd Qtr	218		
	2nd Qtr	218		
	1st Qtr	218	242	24
2007-09	8th Qtr	288	226	(62)
	7th Qtr	288	230	(58)
	6th Qtr	288	181	(107)
	5th Qtr	288	238	(50)
	4th Qtr	288	222	(66)
	3rd Qtr	288	277	(11)
	2nd Qtr	288	310	22
	1st Qtr	288	362	74
2005-07	8th Qtr	288	277	(11)
	7th Qtr	288	262	(26)
	6th Qtr	288	231	(57)
	5th Qtr	288	193	(95)
	4th Qtr	288	267	(21)
	3rd Qtr	288	245	(43)
	2nd Qtr	288	310	22
	1st Qtr	288	286	(2)

Grand Total

	FY 2010	FY 2011	Biennial Total
FTE's	160.4	160.4	160.4
GFS	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$14,336,000	\$14,950,000	\$29,286,000
Total	\$14,336,000	\$14,950,000	\$29,286,000